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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Muller et al.

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For: Substituted Acylhydroxamic Acids  
and Methods of Reducing TNF  
Alpha Levels

Attorney Docket No.: 9516-303-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.